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FLEXIBLE METALLIC FINGER COT.

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Fig. 1.

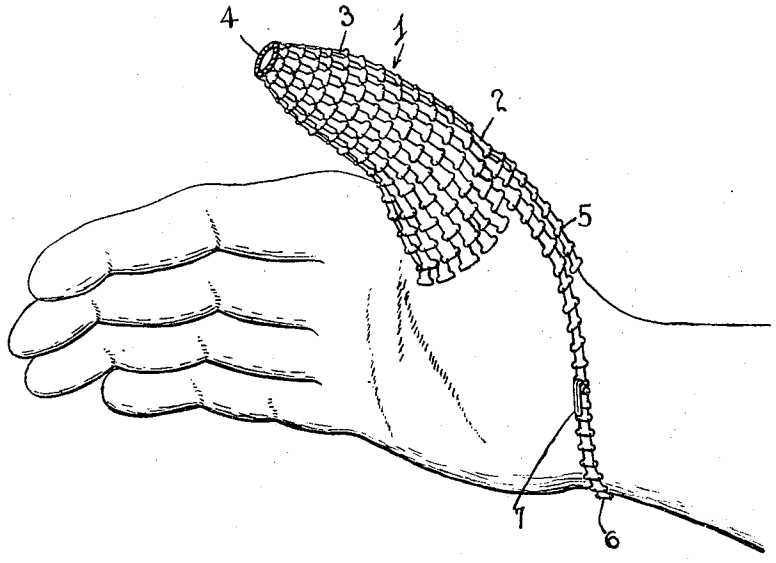


Fig. 2.

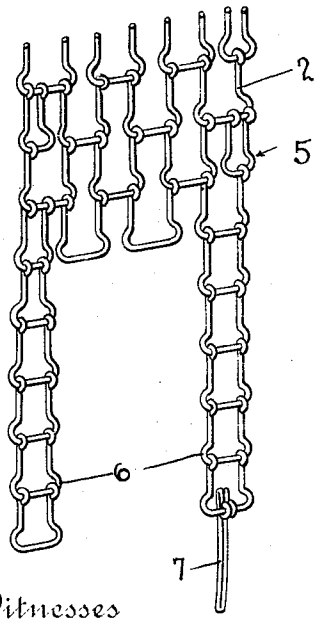
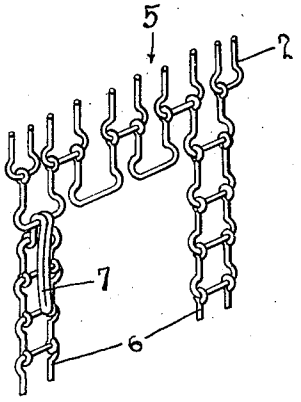


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN N. SKAGGS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Albion, in the county of Boone and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flexible Metallic Finger-Cots; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved flexible metallic thumb or finger cot or stall which is especially designed for use as a corn husker.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is flexible, strong, durable, and comfortable to the wearer and which may be employed for numerous purposes, such as for handling brick, husking corn, and for other uses in which the hands need protection.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, and combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of this improved device applied to a hand; Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail perspective view of the lower portion of the stall to which the wrist is connected; Fig. 3 is a similar view showing a slightly modified means of connecting the wrist band.

In the embodiment illustrated, a thumb or finger stall 1 is shown composed of a metallic fabric constructed of small metallic links 2 which are connected to form a flexible fabric of unusual strength and durability and one which is easy on the wearer's thumb or finger to which it may be applied.

As here shown, these links are made in the form of U-shaped members having the free ends of the legs thereof bent to form eyes, said legs being bowed outwardly at their other ends to form notches 2^a. The eyes of said members engage the cross bars of the adjacent members or links, the two legs of one link engaging the cross bars of the two adjacent links, preferably at the corners or notched ends formed by the outward bending of the legs of the links, as is shown clearly in Fig. 3. These links are connected to form a tubular finger receiving member 3 having a ring 4 arranged at the closed end thereof of sufficient size to permit the tip of the finger to project slightly therethrough and thereby prevent the end of the nail from coming in contact with the metallic covering and avoid injury thereto. An elongated extension 5 is formed at the base of open end of said member 3 and is of sufficient width to extend over the back of the thumb when applied thereto.

As is shown clearly in Fig. 1, to the free ends of this extension 5 is secured a wrist band 6 which may be composed of any suitable material, being here shown in the form of a chain which may be secured around the wrist of the wearer by any suitable means, a hook 7 being here shown secured to one end of the chain and adapted to engage a link at the other end thereof.

It will be obvious that this stall or cot may be worn either over a glove or directly applied to the hand without a glove as it is so constructed that it is not harsh on the flesh of the wearer, the free loose ends of the links 2 which compose the open end of the stall being adapted to bend outwardly and form a flange like protection for the finger to which it is applied and which is especially advantageous when the device is applied to the thumb and hence prevents the fabric at this point from embedding itself in the flesh of the wearer.

The construction of the stall of flexibly united U-shaped links allows perfect freedom of the thumb or finger to which it is applied and provides the requisite roughness on its outer face necessary to grip the husk when the device is employed for husking corn. When worn over a glove, it greatly prolongs the life of the glove.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention claimed.

I claim as my invention:—

A metallic thumb stall composed of a plurality of flexibly connected U-shaped links, the free ends of the legs of said links being bent to form eyes which are engaged with adjacent links, and the other ends of said

legs having notches at their junction with the cross bars to receive the eyes of adjacent links, the links at the open end of the stall being free to swing outwardly to form a flange like protection for the thumb of the wearer, and means for securing said stall in operative position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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